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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 JEFFREY P. POMERANTZ,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. C16-0689JLR

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

15 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4 requires a plaintiff to serve the defendant with a  
16 summons and a copy of the plaintiff's complaint and sets forth the specific requirements  
17 for doing so. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 4. Rule 4(m), which provides the timeframe in which  
18 service must be effectuated, states in relevant part:

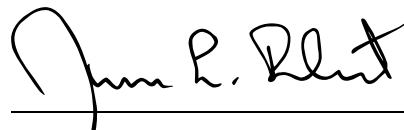
19 If a defendant is not served within 90 days after the complaint is filed, the  
20 court—on motion or on its own after notice to the plaintiff—must dismiss  
21 the action without prejudice against that defendant or order that service be  
22 made within a specified time. But if the plaintiff shows good cause for the  
failure, the court must extend the time for service for an appropriate period.

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1 *Id.* Here, it appears that Plaintiff United States of America (“the Government”) has failed  
2 to serve Defendant Jeffrey P. Pomerantz with a summons and a copy of the complaint  
3 within the timeframe provided in Rule 4(m). (*See generally* Dkt.) Although the  
4 Government’s complaint suggests that Mr. Pomerantz is located outside of the United  
5 States (Compl. (Dkt. # 1) ¶ 3) and therefore must be served according to Federal Rule of  
6 Civil Procedure 4(f) to which the Rule 4(m) timeframe does not apply, *see* Fed. R. Civ. P.  
7 4(f) (describing the means by which to effectuate service in a foreign country), 4(m)  
8 (stating that “[t]his subdivision (m) does not apply to service in a foreign country under  
9 Rule 4(f)”), there is no indication that the Government has attempted to serve Mr.  
10 Pomerantz (*see generally* Dkt.).

11 Accordingly, the court ORDERS the Government to SHOW CAUSE within ten  
12 (10) days of the date of this order why this action should not be dismissed for failure to  
13 comply with Rule 4 and/or to prosecute this action. If the Government does not timely  
14 demonstrate respond to the court’s order to show cause, the court will dismiss the action  
15 without prejudice.

16 Dated this 22nd day of February, 2017.

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19 JAMES L. ROBART  
20 United States District Judge  
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